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computer network and further configured to store information items of all of the plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to said computer network;

a computer connected to said computer network, comprising,

a computer display configured to display the graphic layout and the information items stored in the server, and

an input device configured to input data into the computer, said computer configured to select said image forming apparatus for recording the image which is provided by said computer by an operator selecting the information items displayed on the computer display.

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26. (Amended) A network control system comprising:

computer network means;

a plurality of image forming means connected to said computer network means, each image forming means for recording an image on a recording paper;

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server means connected to said computer network means for storing a graphic layout of an operation panel of all of the plurality of image forming means connected to said computer network means and further configured to store information items of all of the plurality of image forming means connected to said computer network means;

computer means connected to said computer network means, comprising,

display means for displaying the graphic layout and the information items stored in the server means, and

input means for inputting data into the computer means, said computer means selecting said image forming means for recording the image which is provided by said computer means by an operator selecting the information items displayed on the display means.

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Please add new Claims 34-45 as follows:

34. (New) A server connected to a network having a client computer and a plurality of image forming apparatuses, comprising:

a storing means for storing information items associated with image forming inherent to each of said plurality of image forming apparatuses;

b receiving means for receiving requirements for image forming from said client computer;

c searching means for performing a search for image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements from among said plurality of image forming apparatuses based on said information items associated with image forming inherent to each of said plurality of image forming apparatuses, and reporting a result of said search to said client computer;

d means for receiving a user selection from said client computer for selecting one image forming apparatus based on said result; and

e means for transmitting, to said client computer, information items associated with image forming inherent to said one image forming apparatus selected, receiving from said client computer user instructions corresponding to said information items associated with image forming inherent to said one image forming apparatus selected, and sending an image forming execution instruction to said one selected image forming apparatus.

35. (New) The server of Claim 34, wherein said result of said search includes an installation location of said image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements.

36. (New) The server of Claim 34, wherein when said requirements are not fully satisfied by any of said plurality of image forming apparatuses, said searching means reports said result of said search in which image forming apparatuses partly satisfying said

requirements are listed in order of decreasing number of said information items satisfying said requirements.

37. (New) A client computer connected to a network having a plurality of image forming apparatuses and a server that stores information items associated with image forming inherent to each of said plurality of image forming apparatuses, comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting requirements for image forming to said server;

receiving means for receiving a result of a search performed by said server, said search searching for image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements from among said plurality of image forming apparatuses based on said information items associated with image forming to each of said plurality of image forming apparatuses;

means for displaying said result of said search performed by said server;

means for entering a user selection for selecting one image forming apparatus to send an image forming execution instruction from among said image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements according to said result of said search; and

means for receiving, from said server, information items associated with image forming inherent to said one image forming apparatus selected, entering user instructions corresponding to said one selected image forming apparatus, and sending an image forming execution instruction to said server.

38. (New) The client computer of Claim 37, wherein said result of said search includes an installation location of said image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements.

39. (New) The client computer of Claim 37, wherein when said requirements are not fully satisfied by any of said plurality of image forming apparatuses, said searching means reports said result of said search in which image forming apparatuses partly satisfying said

reports said result of said search in which image forming apparatuses partly satisfying said requirements are listed in order of decreasing number of said information items satisfying said requirements.

40. A network system comprising:

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for image forming;

a plurality of image forming apparatuses; and

a server configured to perform a search for searching one image forming apparatus from among said plurality of image forming apparatuses in accordance with said requirements,

wherein said server includes:

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means for storing information items associated with image forming inherent to each of said plurality of image forming apparatuses;

means for reporting a result of said search; and

means for transmitting information items associated with image forming inherent to one image forming apparatus that is selected from among said image forming apparatuses according to said result of said search by a user through said client computer,

wherein said client computer includes:

means for displaying said result of said search;

means for entering a user selection for selecting one image forming apparatus from among said image forming apparatuses according to said result of said search;

means for receiving information items associated with image forming inherent to said one image forming apparatus selected by said user selection; and

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means for entering an image forming execution instruction and requirements for image forming corresponding to said information items associated with image forming inherent to said one selected image forming apparatus.

41. (New) The network system of Claim 40, wherein said result of said search includes an installation location of said image forming apparatuses satisfying said requirements.

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42. (New) The network system of Claim 40, wherein when said requirements are not fully satisfied by any of said plurality of image forming apparatuses, said searching means reports said result of said search in which image forming apparatuses partly satisfying said requirements are listed in order of decreasing number of said information items satisfying said requirements.

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43. (New) A method of controlling a network image forming, comprising the steps of:
storing information items associated with image forming inherent to each of a plurality of image forming apparatuses;
receiving requirements for image forming from a client computer;
searching at least one image forming apparatus satisfying said requirements for image forming;
displaying a result of said searching step;
entering a user selection for selecting one image forming apparatus from among said at least one image forming apparatus;
displaying information items associated with image forming inherent to said one image forming apparatus selected, from among said information items stored in said storing step; and